Cleaning of Rivers

121. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH-RA: Will the Minister for ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the rivers which are proposed to be go[1] cleaned during the next year; and

(b) when the cleaning work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) There is no specific proposal for cleaning of rivers apart from the Ganga Action Plan. However, several measures are being taken by the Government to contain water pollution in rivers. These include detailed river-basin studies of 14 major rivers and monitoring of water quality through network of monitoring stations.

Conviction of persons arrested in connection with the colour films import racket

122. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH-RA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the persons arrested in connection with the colour films import racket involving a customs duty evasion of Rs. 10 crores in Delhi in the months of June-July, 1988 have since been convicted; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A JIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A racket involving evasion of customs duty of about Rs. 4.60 crores was detected by the Customs authorities at Air Cargo Complex near Indira Gandhi International Airport during the last week of July, 1988. The case was handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation for further investigation. So far 13 persons have been arrested. As the matter is still under investigation by Central Bureau of Investigation, the trial of the arrested persons has not yet commenced .

Expansion of Indo-Iraq Trade

123. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be plea, sed. to state:

(a) whether Government have tak* en steps to expand trade with Iraq; and

(b) if so, the details of areas iden tified for the expansion of Indo-Iraq trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Prospects are emerging for increased trade and commercial cooperation with Iraq. In the area of product fexport, specific possibilities have been identified for export of engineering goods, rubber products tea spices, iron ore pellets, etc. In the area of projects, possibilities are emerging for civil construction, infrastructure development, industrial reconstruction and development, consultancy and operation and maintenance contracts. With a view to increase trade and commercial cooperation with Iraq, steps have been taken to encourage Indian companies to es-j tablish contacts with the concerned Iraqi organisations. Trade Fair Authority of India is participating in the Baghdad International Fair this year on a much larger scale. An offer has been made to extend a commercial line of credit to facilitate export of specified goods from India.

Expansion of Trade between India and Canada

124. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be

pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to expand trade with Canada;

(b) whether the new areas have been identified for the expansion of Indo-Canadian trade; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) to (:) Government have initiated various measures and identifier areas for expanding Indo-Canadian Trade. The focus is largely on the following aspects: —

(i) Exploring possibilities of enhancing bilateral trade with specific emphasis on identifying specific-items;

i ii) identifying opportunities for technology transfer and industrial cooperation; and

iiii) identifying sourcing possibilities for exports of commodities to Canada and vice-versa.

A large number of items for exports from India like engineering good:;, automobile ancillaries, electronic components, computer software, agro-marine products have been identified and similarly for imports from Canada items like electronic technologies, sophisticated electrical components, tele-communications equipment and technologies have been identified as potential areas for in-creasing the bilateral trade.

Allocation of Funds for afforestation Programme .during the last .Three Years

125. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOS-WAMI; Will the Minister of EN-VIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the Statewise amount allocated for afforestation programme tiuring the last three years and the actual amount utilissed by the States year-wise; and

(b) the area covered under afforestation programme during the last three years, yearwise and Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Statement laid on the Table of the Sabha gives the State-wise amount allocated and utilised for the afforestation programme during 1985-86 to 1987-88. [See appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 2

(b) Statement kid on the Table of the Sabha gives the area covered under the afforestation programme during 1985-86 to 1987-88. [See appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 3)

नर्मदा परियोजना (सरदार सरोवर परियोजना) हेतु स्वीकृति

126. **श्री मौजी इर्शादबेग** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय ने नर्मदा परि-योजना (सरदार सरोवर परियोजना) को कब स्वीकृति प्रदान की तथा इस संबंध में परियोजना को स्वीकृति प्रदान न करने की मांग किसने की थी ;

(ख) इस योजना को क्रियान्वित करते समय कितने वृक्ष काट गिराये जाने की संभावना है और अब तक कितने नये पेड़ लगाये गये हैं तथा ये पेड़ किन-किन जगहों पर लगाए गए और किन-किन सरकारों द्वारा ये पेड़ लगवाये गये तथा पेड़ों के लगाये जाने पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गयी ; और

(ग) क्या इस परियोजना के परिणाम-स्वरूप पर्यावरण को कोई नुकसान होने की कोई संभावना है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अंसारी) :(क) सरदार सरोवर परि-योजना के लिए वानिकी दृष्टि से मन्जूरी 8 सितम्बर, 1987 को दी गई थी जबकि पर्यावरणीय दृष्टि से यह